



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

DATE:

(Weeks of June 1 – June 15)

*This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks;
however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.*

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

While on patrol at Mississippi Palisades State Park, CPO Jones issued two Chicago men citations for possession of alcoholic beverages in posted prohibited areas. Both men had beer bottles in plain view at different campsites.

CPO Jones was on stationary patrol behind a road closed sign going into Miller's Landing. The road was closed due to flood conditions which did not allow a place for people to turn around. A Savanna man drove around the barricade, and CPO Jones did a head-on traffic stop. The subject was cited for no valid driver's license and no insurance. He was issued a written warning for entering a restricted area.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri attended the Izaak Walton Fishing Derby with the education trailer. There were over 200 people present for the fishing derby, and many took the opportunity to walk through the education trailer. The young children, who were bored with fishing, were frequent opportunists to learn more from CPO Posateri with the wildlife hides from the trailer.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Jones was conducting boat safety compliance checks at Depot Park in Galena. CPO Jones checked several kayaks. Most of the kayaks were non-residents from Dubuque, Iowa. CPO Jones explained the law about water usage stamps and explained where they could buy one. 4 written warnings were issued. CPO Jones checked a Galena man with a boat and observed the boat's registration was expired. The subject had not registered the boat. He claimed he had just bought it 5 days prior. CPO Jones explained his violations and

recommended he move his registration numbers up a little bit to make it easier to see on the water. The subject was issued written warnings for unnumbered watercraft, failure to wear lanyard when required, and failure to have his battery strapped down. CPO Jones gave the subject her business card and later helped the subject and his significant other fill out the application over the phone.

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Teas cited a fisherman on the Rock River for possession of smallmouth bass during closed season.

While on patrol in White Pines State Park, CPO Teas stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. When the driver was asked for proof of insurance, he opened the center console to reveal drug paraphernalia and cannabis. The driver received a civil citation for the offense.

CPO Teas responded to a call of a missing subject on the Rock River after a kayak containing a wallet, cell phone, and other property was found floating down the river. CPO Teas was eventually able to make contact with others who had been kayaking with the person earlier in the day. CPO Teas learned the subject lost control of the kayak as he was attempting to get out of the water, and it floated away. The kayaker was then dropped off several miles away down river in the next county in hopes he would see his kayak on the river. CPO Teas was able to locate the sunburned boater, who had no shirt or shoes, walking down the road. The subject was retrieved and returned to his property and worried family.

CPO Teas arrested a subject on a warrant while checking fishermen in White Pines State Park.

CPO Teas cited a boater for no wearable PFDs while conducting ramp checks along the Rock River.

ROCK ISLAND

CPO Francisko noticed a distressed boater at Sunset Marina. The operator had backed his boat into the water too far and was unable to start the engine. 20 MPH winds turned the boat sideways at the launch and pinned the boat against the trailer. The boat owner worked for over 30 minutes without success. CPO Francisko assisted the boat owner in getting the boat started and secured to the dock. A boat safety inspection was conducted. CPO Francisko also assisted the boat owner in docking the boat in its slip across the marina. The man was very appreciative of the CPO assisting him.

STEPHENSON

No activity reported for this county

WHITESIDE

No activity reported for this county

District 6 - Sgt. Phil Wire

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alt patrolled Candlewick Association Lake and checked several shore fishermen and inspected one watercraft. A fishing license not in possession and an insufficient number of P.F.D. violations were addressed.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Wagner and IDNR employee, Michelle Silver worked the education trailer at the Spring Valley outdoor show. Many enjoyed the trailer exhibits, which were especially popular with children.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LASALLE COUNTY

While patrolling a closed area of Matthiessen State Park, CPO Fraser detained a group who were in the restricted area. During the stop, CPO Fraser observed a bulge in one violator's pocket. When asked what it was, the subject removed a silver pill bottle from his pocket. The subject then opened the bottle, and despite being told to stop, swallowed the contents. The subject stated the pill bottle contained his prescription pills but knew it was illegal to carry them in an unmarked container. The subject was arrested for obstructing justice and entering a restricted area. Other members of the group were cited for entering a restricted area, possession of cannabis, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Finn was patrolling near Ottawas when he observed a vehicle driving erratically and squealing its tires. CPO Finn performed a traffic stop and found the driver to have a revoked driver's license. The driver was given two citations for driving while license revoked and squealing tires. The driver was arrest and jailed..

While checking 3 fishermen at Covell Creek, CPO Murry observed drug paraphernalia in one of the subject's tackle boxes. After getting consent to search the other two fishermen's possessions, a gun was located in another tackle box. After running the serial number on the gun, it was discovered it was stolen in 2000 in a home burglary. The investigation in the stolen gun continues with assistance from LaSalle County.

CPO Murry, CPO Finn, CPO Fraser, and CPO Wagner patrolled Starved Rock State Park over the weekend of 6/10 and 6/11. During that time, 4 individuals were injured on the trails and had to be carried out. All the individuals were obeying the law and were not climbing or in closed areas. One individual was having a seizure, two individuals slipped and fell while walking resulting in a possible broken ankle and laceration to the head, and the 4th individual was suffering from heat exhaustion.

While conducting department lands enforcement, CPO Wagner cited several individuals for off trails and civil cannabis violations.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Finn conducted boat safety checks along the Illinois River in Putnam and Bureau Counties. CPO Finn inspected over 30 boats in two days and found numerous boat safety equipment violations as well as two operators to be under the influence of alcohol. The two operators were ran through standardized field sobriety testing and subsequently arrested for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol.

CPO Wagner and CPO Finn conducted recreational boat enforcement on the Illinois River resulting in an OUI arrest. A citation for expired registration was issued as well as multiple warnings for small safety violations.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPOs Fraser, Schoonhoven, and Murry searched Rock Cut State Park for a missing suicidal subject who was last seen entering the park. The CPOs searched over 10 hours on foot and using ATVs. No sign of the subject was discovered during the search. The subject turned himself in to local police the following morning.

CPO Fraser received a complaint of two individuals in Rock Cut State Park ‘shooting Heroin’ in a vehicle. CPO Fraser arrived on scene and located the vehicle with the two occupants. During initial approach, CPO Fraser observed an open bottle of box wine in the vehicle but no indication of drug use. Upon a further search of the vehicle, a crack pipe was located under the driver’s seat, but no drugs or other paraphernalia were located. One subject provided a false name during the encounter and was arrested for the same along with possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while revoked, and illegal transportation of alcohol.

CPO Alt completed a four-hour watercraft safety patrol on Pierce Lake in Rock Cut State Park. Thirteen watercraft inspections and six inspections of shore fisherman were completed resulting in the issuance of 7 written warnings for fishing without fishing license in possession, unlawful use of kayak(s) without water usage stamps, insufficient PFDs, failure to use lanyard on motorboat equipped for such use, and no sounding device on motorboat.

CPO Alt responded to a complaint from a social media post depicting a department licensed animal rehabilitator playing with baby raccoons with her children and family dog. CPO Alt conferenced with the rehabilitator and directed her that the wildlife were not pets and directed her to use proper rehab practices using minimal contact to prevent spread of disease, parasites and imprinting. The rehabber was also directed to consult another nearby facility for further guidance. A follow-up will be made to ensure compliance.

CPO Alt cited a Rockford man at Fordum Dam for unlawful fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Alt cited two individuals fishing at Kent Creek in Rockford for unlawful fishing without a valid sport fishing license and a third for fishing without fishing license in possession. While running the individuals through LEADS/NCIC, one individual returned wanted on warrant. Once confirmed with the originating agency, CPO Alt took the subject into custody and transported him to the Winnebago County jail in lieu of bond.

CPO Alt observed an individual unlawfully riding a go-cart on Beltline Road in Rockford while he was checking a shore fisherman along the Kishwaukee River. Upon seeing CPO Alt, the subject completed a U-Turn and drove back onto his adjacent private property. Once stopped, the subject indicated he was “testing

the motor” of the go-cart and thought it was lawful to ride on the roadway and nearby Rockford Airport property because he has observed others from the nearby town of New Milford riding those areas. An unlawful operation of ATV on highway right-of-way violation was addressed.

After receiving notice from the Boone County sheriff’s office of a possible suicidal subject last seen in Rock Cut State Park, Officer Schoonhoven searched on and off the trail system within the park in an attempt to locate him. The subject turned himself in to Boone County authorities the next day.

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson received a case disposition from a subject unlawfully purchasing timber without a license. The man was assessed a \$1,500 fine.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott performed boat registration and safety checks at a lake in Knox County. During one of the checks, CPO Thompson observed a man operating a jet ski without proper registration displayed. Upon contacting the operator of the PWC, CPO Thompson detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on the man’s breath. Additionally, the man had trouble maintaining his balance while docking. CPO Thompson asked the man about the issues with the registration and the man responded with slurred and unintelligible speech. CPO Thompson performed field sobriety testing and concluded the man was impaired. The operator was arrested and transported to the Knox County jail for processing. At the jail, the man provided a breath sample disclosing a BAC of .116. The man received citations for OUI, OUI with BAC over .08, unlawful operation of unnumbered watercraft and unlawful consumption of alcohol by a subject under 21 years of age.

CPO Thompson issued a citation for unlawful operation of a watercraft with occupant under 12 not wearing a PFD. Two additional warnings were issued for another PFD violation and no fire extinguisher.

CPO Elliott conducted recreational boat enforcement in Knox and Fulton Counties with CPO Thompson. The CPOs patrolled Emiquon Preserve for recreational boat and sport fish enforcement resulting in 4 written Warnings issued.

CPOs Elliott and Lazzell conducted recreational boat enforcement. CPO Elliott checked fishermen on Lake McMaster at Snake Den Hollow. 1 Citation was issued for no fishing license. The CPOs assisted two boaters with vehicle and boat trailering issues at the ramp. CPOs Elliott and Lazzell patrolled Spoon Lake at Oak Run resulting in several boat checks, one OUI arrest, and other violations including a child not in a life jacket.

CPO Elliott and CPO Thompson responded to a complaint at Spring Lake near Macomb. A boat safety check resulted in several violations including an OUI Arrest. Violations included insufficient number of PFDs, no sounding device, no fire extinguisher, no registration, no fishing license, and no battery cover.

MARSHALL

No activity reported for this county

McDONOUGH

CPOs Reid and Elliot attended a Fraternal Order of Police sponsored fishing derby at Spring Lake.

CPOs patrolled McDonough, Warren, and Henderson Counties. Boat enforcement and sport fish enforcement were conducted at Citizens Lake in Monmouth. 2 Citations and 5 Written Warnings were issued.

PEORIA COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Gerard arrested a subject for an outstanding Peoria County warrant. The subject was transported to the Tazewell County jail.

While patrolling the Mackinaw river, CPO VanZant cited a subject for not having a paddle pass on his kayak.

CPO VanZant issued 9 written warnings for various boating violations while patrolling Banner Marsh

WARREN COUNTY

CPO Reid cited 3 individuals at Citizens lake in Monmouth.

WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Eric Schreiber (Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

KANE COUNTY

While conducting sport fish enforcement at the Carpentersville Dam, CPO Vaughan arrested a St. Charles man on 2. The warrants were an FTA for resisting a peace officer (2011) and for domestic battery/make physical contact (Feb 2017). The subject was cited for unlawful fishing without a sport fishing license.

CPO Davis observed two subjects using a cast net at the Carpentersville Dam. The subjects took approximately 25 fish including smallmouth bass, white crappie, and bluegill. They were cited for no fishing license, use of a cast net for sport fish, and failure to immediately release smallmouth bass. Multiple written warnings were also issued.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Vaughan issued 2 citations for possession of alcohol in a restricted area at Illinois Beach State Park.

CPO Vaughan checked the fishing license of 2 subjects prior to them fishing off the Grass Lake Road Bridge. During that check, there was a 3rd subject who stated he was not going to fish and was just along to watch his friends and enjoy the weather. Approximately 2 hours later, CPO Vaughan issued a citation to the 3rd subject for unlawful fishing without a sport fishing license. Prior to citing the subject, CPO Vaughan informed the subject he could not fish without a license. The subject insisted he was just along to watch his friends fish and enjoy the weather.

CPOs Davis and Kelley responded to a call about an injured great blue heron. The heron had been hooked in the foot by fishing line. The CPOs were able to rescue the heron and take it to a local rehab specialist for treatment.

CPO Winters and Kelley were conducting a boat patrol on the Chain O Lakes where a child without a PFD was observed. A citation and warnings were issued.

CPO Semenik and Sgt. Schreiber arrested a subject on Nippersink Lake for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The subject had a BAC of 0.105.

CPO Knop and Sgt. Schreiber cited several watercraft operators for boating violations, including child under the age of 13 not wearing a PFD and overloading.

CPO Knop handled multiple complaints of people keeping baby raccoons as pets.

CPO Vaughan handled a theft report at Illinois Beach State Park. The victim had approximately \$70 - \$80 stolen from the pocket of his shorts as he was showering in the south bath house of the IBSP campgrounds.

While working at the Chain O' Lakes State Park, CPO Knop responded to a mentally disturbed subject, domestic, possession of alcohol in park.

CPO Knop responded to a call from the Lake County sheriff's department regarding a missing person at Illinois Beach State Park. The person was later located.

CPO Van Wiltenburg assisted with the fishing portion of a field trip for a local Wauconda middle school, held at Camp Duncan in Volo. There were approximately 100 students in attendance. Some nice sized pan fish and bass were caught, along with a seven pound carp. The brand new fishing poles were provided by IDNR Fisheries.

CPO Kelley investigated a complaint of pollution on Fox Lake. A local resident, while painting his pier, allegedly dumped a bucket of used paint in the water. After interviewing the resident, who claimed he had accidently dropped a roller in the lake, CPO Kelley issued a citation for pollution of a waterway.

CPOs Kelley and Winters patrolled the Chain O' Lakes for OUI and watercraft safety violations. Several citations were written for boating safety violations, but no OUIs were detected.

CPOs Kelley and Davis patrolled the Chain O' Lakes for OUI and watercraft safety violations. Citations were written for children under 13 not wearing a PFD. Several written warnings were also issued for various boating violations. No OUIs were detected on the patrol.

McHENRY COUNTY

A broad-winged hawk recovered by CPOs Winters and Kelley was released to the wild by a local rehab specialist.

CPOs Winters, Davis and Kelley conducted a public indecency detail at Moraine Hills State Park. Several contacts were made but resulted in no arrests.

While checking fisherman along the Fox River, CPO Winters observed 2 subjects fishing. One subject was issued a written warning for fishing without a license and another for failure to immediately release a 12" bass.

CPO Semenik and CPO Davis observed multiple subjects trespassing on private property. CPO Semenik made contact with 4 individuals and discovered them to be in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. CPO Davis made contact with two individuals who were without identification. They provided their names, but one subject was in possession of a prescription medication issued to a different name. After getting confirmation to charge her with possession of a controlled substance, she advised the medication was hers and she had provided false identification. She had a no bond warrant and was transported to McHenry County Jail. She was also charged with obstructing identification.

CPOs Davis and Semenik issued several written warnings for fish and boat violations and no fishing license violations while patrolling the Fox River in a work boat.

District 3 – Sgt. Dave Wollgast
(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Anderson and a Goose Lake Prairie Site Technician responded to a stranded boater on Heidecke Lake. They were able to recover the stranded boat and fisherman and return them to the harbor safely.

CPO Reid and Sgt. Wollgast responded to a complaint of a capsized boat on Heidecke Lake. CPO Reid was able to locate one of the fishermen walking for help. They returned to the boat which had motor problems and had been forced by high winds against the rocks on the shore where it capsized and sank. CPO Reid, Sgt. Wollgast and Goose Lake Prairie Site Technician Jones were able to assist the boaters in recovering their boat and towing it back to the harbor without any significant damage.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Vadbunker responded to an accident on the Kankakee River in which a father on a jet ski drove into his two sons on a second jet ski. The two sons were taken to the hospital due to injuries from the impact. CPO Vadbunker is investigating the accident.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WILL COUNTY

CPO Farber received a complaint from a safety officer at D Construction in Coal City, IL. The safety officer advised that a yellow Baja Outlaw watercraft was operating carelessly near a construction barge in Wilmington, IL on the Kankakee River. The construction barge and crew were working on the Will Rd bridge. CPO Farber responded to the Des Plaines Conservation Area to attempt to locate the yellow Baja or truck and trailer. Neither were found. CPO Farber then traveled to the jobsite to speak with the iron worker foreman from D Construction. The foreman advised that a yellow Baja had driven by their jobsite three times at speeds estimated to be around 50 MPH. He said that the boat was operating within twenty feet of the construction barge. The boat was spraying the barge and work crew with water. CPO Farber responded to Harborside and Three Rivers Marina. Both marinas advised that they did not have any slip holders with a boat matching the description. CPO Farber then traveled to Big Basin Marina. After canvassing the parking lot, a black Ford truck and Baja trailer were located. Shortly after, CPO Farber observed the yellow Baja in question traveling to the Big Basin boat launch. CPO Farber contacted the boat occupants. The operator of the boat immediately showed several signs of impairment. The operator completed SFST and registered a .162 BAC. The operator was arrested for careless operation of a watercraft and operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol BAC greater than .08.

CPO Anderson and Mazonia Site Technician Ferguson responded to a stranded boater on Braidwood Lake. The fishermen had used up their battery with their trolling motor all day and were unable to start their motor. They then became stranded in the wind and were unable to return to the launch. CPO Anderson and the Site Tech were able to recover the fishermen and their boat without incident.

CPO Reid encountered several young adults swimming and cliff jumping in a quarry he had received previous complaints from by the landowner. Two of the trespassers had been previously warned by the Conservation Police not to return to the quarry. The two repeat offenders were arrested for criminal trespass and the other two were warned not to return.

District 4 – Sgt. Jed Whitchurch
(Counties: Cook & DuPage)

COOK COUNTY

CPO Snodgrass patrolled 31st Street and Burnham boat ramps. He issued a citation for no PFD worn by persons under 13 and issued 4 written warnings for other various boating infractions.

CPO Snodgrass patrolled William Powers State Park enforcing park regulations. He found a subject with a short northern pike and issued him a citation for possession of undersized fish. He also issued a warning for no fishing license.

CPO Snodgrass patrolled William Powers State Park and found 3 subjects unlawfully in possession of alcohol. He educated the subjects on the rules and regulations of the state site and took appropriate enforcement action. He also observed 4 individuals wading in the lake. He issued the subjects written warning and informed them that wading and swimming in the lake was illegal.

CPO Snodgrass patrolled the Chicago River performing boat safety inspections. One subject was cited for operation of an unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Snodgrass patrolled William Powers State park and enforced several park violations. Two subjects were issued written warnings for no valid fishing licenses, and one individual was issued a warning for wading in Wolf Lake.

CPO Snodgrass investigated a boat accident that occurred last weekend. The investigation is pending.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the Chicago River by boat when he observed a pleasure boat operating at a high rate of speed and producing a substantial wake near the Jefferson Beach yacht sales area. The wake was pushing moored boats into the docks and pylons. A stop was conducted and the operator was cited for creating a wake in a no wake zone.

CPO Mooi and CPO Thornley assisted the Cook County Sheriff's Office in the search for a missing teenager. The CPOs operated a boat equipped with sonar equipment in the search for the boy.

CPO Mooi patrolled the Chicago River. A citation was issued to a boater for no registration, and a written warning was issued for not having a visual distress signal on board.

CPO Mooi patrolled Chicago River and Lake Michigan. Multiple citations and warnings were issued for boat registration and safety violations.

CPO Mooi and CPO Thornley responded to a boat accident on Lake Michigan near the Adler Planetarium. The boat struck a break wall and ran aground. No injuries were reported, and after further investigation, the operator was arrested for unlawfully operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol.

CPO Mooi and CPO Thornley were patrolling the Chicago River when they came across a large cabin cruiser with no registration. The vessel had an expired Chicago Harbor sticker from 2009. The last registered owner of the boat, according to the operator, was “three owners ago”. The operator was issued a citation for operation of an untitled/unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Mooi assisted the Cook County Forest Preserve Police in locating two fishermen inside a forest preserve. The fishermen were fishing from “Belly Boats” inside an area closed to all watercraft. The men were issued citations and written warnings for multiple violations.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the Playpen on Lake Michigan and observed a wave runner pulling a tube through a restricted boating area. CPO Mooi contacted the operator of the waverunner and found him to be a 15-year-old not in possession of a boater’s safety card. The operator was taken back to his parent’s boat and the teen’s mother was issued a citation for parental responsibility of youthful operators.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the Playpen on Lake Michigan and issued multiple citations to multiple boats for operating without valid State registration.

CPO Mooi attended court for a multi-state trapping case from 2015. The offender, an Indiana resident, accepted a plea agreement and was given fines and 4 months of court supervision.

CPO Ausmus was notified of a vehicle locked inside William Powers State Park. When CPO Ausmus arrived on scene and was unlocking the gate, several off-road vehicles left the south end of the park traveling northbound. CPO Ausmus continued into the park still looking for a vehicle. CPO Ausmus arrived at the end of State Line road at the small footbridge and noticed wet foot prints on it. CPO Ausmus began canvassing the area and saw two shoes floating and a dirt bike in the lake. He also noticed blood on the rocky bank. CPO Ausmus, with the assistance of ISP Communications, determined the suspect in the accident was a juvenile and had been transported by Chicago Fire/EMS to a local emergency room. Contact was made with the suspect's parents and two other suspects. It was determined that two dirt bikes and one ATV were operating in the park after hours. The ATV crossed the bridge. The juvenile on the dirt bike missed the bridge, striking it, causing the bike and rider to crash into the opposite bank. The ATV occupants noticed the dirt bike was no longer following them, turned around and were able to extract the suspect from the water and transport him to a residence where 9-1-1 was notified. Appropriate citations and warnings were issued, and the investigation is still on-going.

CPO Ausmus and CPO Klemme conducted recreational boat enforcement on Lake Michigan and the Chicago River. Twelve boats were inspected. Several violations were documented with citations and written warnings.

CPO Ausmus was working in William Powers State Park. CPO Ausmus checked 5 boats, numerous fishermen, and stopped a vehicle for speeding. Several written warnings were issued.

CPO Ausmus and CPO Snodgrass were on patrol in William Powers at closing time when they observed a vehicle exiting the park at a high rate of speed. The vehicle slowed upon reaching the exit but failed to stop at the stop sign. The CPOs stopped the vehicle and found the driver had a suspended driver's license for no insurance, no insurance on the vehicle, open alcohol in the vehicle. Alcohol is also illegal to possess in William Powers State Park. The driver was issued three citations, three written warnings, and the vehicle was towed.

CPO Ausmus conducted recreational boat enforcement on the Cal-Sag Channel at the Worth Boat launch. Eight boats were inspected. One warning was issued for a registration violation; one warning was issued for an equipment violation. Two citations were issued for wake zone violations

CPO Ausmus participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics in Champaign County. CPO Ausmus and officers from several local departments ran and biked 25.9 miles through Champaign County carrying the Flame of Hope to bring awareness to Special Olympics.

CPO Ausmus participated in the Final Leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics in Bloomington-Normal. The Final Leg signifies the start of Special Olympics Summer Games. Officers from across the state run the Flame of Hope into Hancock Stadium and light the cauldron which officially starts the games.

CPO Ausmus participated in Special Olympics Summer Games. CPO Ausmus helped with the medal ceremonies for men's gymnastics by passing out medals, congratulating and celebrating with the athletes.

Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest year-round fundraising vehicle benefiting Special Olympics. In 2016 Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run presented a check for \$4 million dollars, making Illinois the 3rd highest fundraiser in the world. For 2017, Illinois LETR proudly presented a check for \$4.2 million dollars to Special Olympics Illinois.

CPO Sanford and CPO Klemme conducted 2 boat patrols on Lake Michigan in accordance with the Boat Registration and Safety Act. CPO Sanford conducted 32 boat inspections, resulting in 3 citations issued for no valid watercraft registration and 1 written warning for no sounding device.

CPO Sanford and Sgt. Whitchurch conducted 9 fishing compliance checks on the Calumet River, near Torrence Avenue. The compliance checks resulted in 2 citations and 1 warning for fishing without a valid sport fishing license, as well as 1 citation issued for catching and retaining perch during a closed season.

CPO Sanford conducted weekend patrol in William Powers State Park. During the patrols, 4 boat registration and safety inspections were conducted. The patrol resulted in 2 written warnings for fishing without a valid sport fishing license as well as 1 written warning for unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Sanford performed holiday patrol in William Powers State Park. The patrol resulted in 2 citations for fishing without a valid sport fishing license, as well as written warnings for no valid registration (motorcycle), wading where prohibited, and fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Sanford performed patrols at boat launches and harbors in Cook County, in accordance with the IL Boat Registration and Safety Act. CPO Sanford performed 16 boat registration and safety inspections, resulting in 1 citation for no PFD worn by a child under 13, 1 citation for operation of a watercraft with no valid registration, 1 citation for operation of a powered watercraft with no fire extinguisher on board, as well as 10 written warnings for other violations to the Boat Registration and Safety Act.

CPO Sanford performed holiday patrol in William Powers State Park. The patrol resulted in 2 citations for possession/consumption of alcohol in a posted, restricted area, as well as 13 other written warnings for various violations.

CPO Thornley conducted a motorist assist. The individual was found to be in possession of cannabis, and a citation was issued.

CPO Thornley was flagged down by an individual in Orland Park for a construction worker who needed medical attention. CPO Thornley assisted until fire and EMS arrived.

CPO Thornley conducted recreational boat enforcement at Worth boat ramp. CPO Thornley checked 1 vessel and issued a written warning for no battery cover.

CPO Thornley attended Downers Grove Public Works Day with CPO Mooi. The CPOs spoke with many people about the wildlife in Illinois.

CPO Thornley traveled to Des Plaines River to conduct recreational boat enforcement. CPO Thornley checked 3 kayaks, issued 1 written warning for no fishing license in possession and 2 written warnings for no water usage stamp.

CPO Thornley went to Saganashkee Slough to conduct recreational boat enforcement. CPO Thornley checked 10 boats (1 inflatable boat, 9 kayaks). CPO Thornley issued 2 citations for no PFDs and 5 written warnings for no water usage stamps.

CPO Thornley conducted fish enforcement at Arrowhead Lake. CPO Thornley issued 1 citation for no fishing license.

CPO Thornley conducted recreational boat enforcement at Worth Boat Ramp. CPO Thornley checked three boats. No violations were found.

CPO Thornley patrolled William Powers State Fish and Wildlife Area. CPO Thornley conducted four boat safety inspections (4 kayaks). No violations were found. CPO Thornley issued 1 citation for alcohol in a State park and 2 written warnings for no fishing license.

CPO Stanbary initiated a traffic stop on I-55 after observing a motorist passing cars while driving on the shoulder of the roadway. A citation was issued to the motorist.

CPO Stanbary initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle on Cicero Avenue for unlawful use of a handheld communication device. The traffic stopped yielded 4 additional citations for Illinois Vehicle Code violations, including driving while license revoked.

CPO Stanbary patrolled William Powers State Fish & Wildlife Area. 1 citation was issued for no valid sport fishing license, and 1 civil cannabis citation was issued.

CPO Stanbary investigated a TIPS complaint in Morton Grove after a witness reported finding a severed deer head in the Linne Woods Forest Preserve.

CPO Stanbary conducted a boat patrol on the Chicago River with CPO Klemme. A total of 14 vessel inspections were completed. Two citations were issued to operators for no PFD on a toddler and a registration violation. Multiple written warnings were issued for equipment violations.

CPO Stanbary issued a civil cannabis violation at Montrose Harbor after observing a female smoking cannabis in public. A blunt was seized as evidence.

CPO Stanbary conducted a traffic stop on I-90 in Chicago after observing a motorcycle passing traffic on the shoulder. The operator was cited for passing on the shoulder of the roadway, no (M) class motorcycle endorsement and improper display of registration. The motorcycle was towed.

CPO Stanbary patrolled William Powers State Fish And Wildlife Area. A citation was issued to a fisherman after he was found to be in possession of alcohol in a restricted area. A written warning was issued to a kayaker

after a vessel inspection revealed he had no water usage stamp. A written warning was issued to a motorist for exceeding the 15 MPH speed limit within the park.

CPO Klemme conducted numerous boat patrols on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. Approximately 25 vessels were inspected, and 5 citations and 6 warnings were issued.

CPO Klemme assisted a person who had fallen out of a kayak on the Chicago River.

CPO Klemme assisted a vessel that had a dead battery on Lake Michigan. Assistance was given to the vessel so no damage to any vessel occurred.

DuPAGE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum arrested an Indiana man for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol on Mill Creek Lake. The subject had a .123 BAC.

CPO Wellum issued a Crawford County man a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver in the Mill Creek Lake complex.

CPO Wellum towed a stranded boater to the boat ramp on Mill Creek Lake.

CPO Wellum picked-up a fawn which had been taken out of the wild in Clark County. CPO Wellum transported the fawn to a rehabilitator in Coles County.

CPO Wellum completed the online Breath Alcohol Operator training.

CPO Wellum receive a report of theft from a vehicle at Lincoln Trail State Park. The driver side window of the vehicle had been broken, and a cell phone was stolen from inside the vehicle.

CPO Wellum assisted Region 5 with the attempt to locate a missing boater. The subject's boat was found unoccupied and drifting down the Wabash River. CPO Wellum checked several locations in Clark County where a boat could be launched in an attempt to locate the boat operator's vehicle. The operator of the boat was located by Region 5 personnel.

CPO Wellum provided security support from a boat for a long distance open water swim meet at Lincoln Trail State Park Lake.

COLES COUNTY

While checking fishermen at Lake Paradise, CPO Moody cited a Neoga woman for possession of cannabis.

While on boat patrol on Lake Mattoon, CPO Greuel and CPO Wellum issued an Illinois man two civil citations for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

CPO Barnes cited a Mattoon subject for fishing without a license at Lake Paradise.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPOs Greuel and Wellum cited a Lockport man for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia on Lake Mattoon.

CPO Wellum completed a boat registration investigation.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Barnes and CPO Greuel helped a family who got lost while hiking at Walnut Point State Park. The CPOs were able to safely return the family to their vehicle.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Mieuse investigated an unlawful take of a Whitetail deer during the 2015 season. CPO Mieuse interviewed an Indiana man who confessed to the hunting violations. He was issued a citation for unlawful take of Whitetail deer and several written warnings.

CPO Mieuse responded to a complaint of an Edgar County man's trash on his property. CPO Mieuse educated the man on the legal disposal methods and issued him written warnings for Illegal Dumping and Burning.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody wrote several boating related citations and warnings.

CPO Greuel and Sgt McReynolds cited a Mowequa man for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol on Lake Shelbyville with a .212 BAC.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO's Greuel and Mieuse cited a Decatur man for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol on Lake Shelbyville.

CPO Greuel cited a Tuscola man for the abandonment of a watercraft in Wolf Creek State Park.

CPO Greuel and Sgt McReynolds cited a Sullivan man for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol on Lake Shelbyville with a .110 BAC.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

DEWITT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

IROQUOIS

No activity reported for this county

LIVINGSTON

No activity reported for this county

MACON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

McLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

VERMILION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

CPOs Bettis and Gilmer worked the Fishing for Freedom event on the Mississippi River at Quincy. 225 Veterans participated in the annual event. The event was well attend and was an honor to work.

CPOs Gilmer and Macias performed boat patrols on the Illinois River, Sangamon River and Lake Springfield writing multiple citations and warnings for life jackets, boat safety equipment and boat registration violations. While out on patrol, CPOs Gilmer and Macias helped three different boats who were stranded on the Illinois River and Lake Springfield.

CPO Blazinic investigated a deer residency investigation. A Missouri resident used a P.O. Box # in Illinois and falsified his residency. The suspect was able to purchase hunting licenses, stamps and deer permits at resident prices. The suspect deer hunted in 2016. He saved himself hundreds of dollars and defrauded the State of Illinois out of the money. CPO Blazinic met the subject and issued citations.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPOs Weishaupt, Macias, and Gushleff assisted region biologists with the Mississippi River area duck blind draws.

CPOs Weishaupt and Gushleff assisted the Calhoun County Sheriff's office with search and recovery operations on Pool 25 of the Mississippi River. Three male subjects were swept into the river while wading the Clarksville Dam spillway. One victim was lost downstream. CPOs Weishaupt and Gushleff performed sonar searches of the area. The victim was later found downriver.

CPO Weishaupt was passed in a no passing zone by a speeding semi-truck and trailer. CPO Weishaupt had to brake hard to allow the semi in front of him to avoid an accident. The vehicle was hauling live Largemouth Bass & dead Grass Carp from Arkansas. The driver was en-route to pick up Asian Carp in Calhoun County and transport them to Ontario, Canada. The driver was cited for passing in a no passing zone. He received written warnings for speed, and a fish truck inspection was conducted.

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HANCOCK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Macias was invited to attend the annual duck-blind draw at Batchtown. There were almost 1,900 people in attendance and several hundred participants with few blinds available. CPO Macias answered several questions

and helped many hunters with their applications and registrations. CPO Macias also assisted the IDNR biologists who took the lead on the entire event.

CPO Michael Goetten stopped a vehicle for multiple violations at Pere Marquette State Park. The driver was found to be in possession of a large number of individual baggies with methamphetamine residue. He was also in possession of a controlled substance. He was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and the unlawful possession of a controlled substance and transported to the Jersey County jail.

CPO Michael Goetten observed a subject on the river in Jersey County struggling with loading his boat onto his trailer. After several attempts, he was finally successful. Upon contacting the operator, CPO Goetten observed several indicators of impairment. The subject failed field sobriety tests and was arrested for OUI. He had a BAC of .115.

CPOs Weishaupt and Goetten attended the Kids Free Fishing Fair event at Pere Marquette State Park with the wildlife trailer. Over 1,300 kids registered at the event.

CPO Goetten responded to a large boat stuck in shallow water outside the Mississippi River channel. A female on board the boat claimed she feared "sexual advances" from the male occupant. CPO Goetten responded with the assistance of a Grafton officer. The complaint was determined to be likely fabricated to get someone to come tow the boat in. CPO Goetten provided courtesy transport to the occupants. The boat was to be towed next morning by Tow Boat USA at the boat owner's request.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MASON COUNTY

CPO Gilmer assisted Mason County ESDA with a 32-foot house boat in the middle of the Illinois River. The house boat lost power, and the occupants were worried they would be struck by a barge. The house boat was removed from the channel and anchored to the side of the river for safety and got a tow the next day.

CPO Gilmer was called by the Havana Police Department concerning three teenage kids kayaking on the Illinois River at night with no lights. They had almost gotten hit by another boater. CPO Gilmer responded to ensure the safety of the teenagers. He was able to find the three kayakers and ensure their safety. CPO Gilmer explained to the kids he understands they were just trying to have fun, but boating the river at night without lights is just plain unsafe. Each kayaker was issued a warning for boating after sunset without lights.

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Macias was on patrol on the shores of Lake Springfield near the Wildlife Preserve fishing area on the south side of the lake. He was conducting a fishing compliance check on a married couple fishing in the area. When asked for their license, they both responded quickly they did not have one. CPO Macias ran a background check on both people. The male was wanted out of Macoupin County for drug charges. The subject was placed in custody and transported to the Sangamon County jail. A pair of warnings and a citation were issued.

CPOs Cochran, Weishaupt and Gilmer assisted the Springfield Police Department with search and rescue operations on Lake Springfield. A male subject was lost from a pontoon boat and did not resurface. CPOs Weishaupt and Gilmer conducted a grid search using sonar. Officers located the victim within 2 hours.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

BOND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley received a phone call about subjects on mopeds at the Illini Campgrounds at Eldon Hazlet who were reported to be intoxicated. When Tapley arrived at the campgrounds, he found the subjects, and found two of the six drivers with open alcohol. The two subjects were issued citations for illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver. While CPO Tapley was issuing the citations to the drivers, a female subject stopped her car next to Tapley's squad and asked the guys on the mopeds if they could help her find her campsite. Tapley could hear her talking, and she had slurred speech. One of the moped drivers told Tapley the driver was "hammered". The female subject drove off, but failed to signal when she made a turn. CPO Tapley stopped her for failure to signal. The female subject was found to be intoxicated and was arrested for DUI. She later gave a breath sample that registered .080. She was charged with failure to signal when required, DUI, DUI over .08, and illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver.

After leaving the jail from the above DUI arrest, CPO Tapley went to the Illini Campgrounds at Eldon Hazlet State Park. CPO Tapley encountered two campsites playing loud music and being loud after 10:00 PM. One of the subjects, who was obviously intoxicated, became obnoxious with Tapley. Tapley gave both sites verbal warnings and asked them to keep the noise down. Upon returning around 1:00 AM, Tapley could hear loud music being played from the campsite where the obnoxious male subject was camping. Tapley got assistance from the Clinton County Sheriff's Department and the Carlyle Police. After talking with the subjects again, CPO Tapley decided to issue a citation to the registered camp site holder. While walking back to his squad to issue the citation, the obnoxious male subject threw a hot dog at a deputy, hitting him in the chest. The subject then resisted arrest when the deputy and city officer tried to handcuff him. He was taken to the Clinton County jail.

CPO Tapley observed a vehicle turned almost crossway in the road, shining its headlights at a deer in the park. CPO Tapley stopped the vehicle to warn the driver that his actions were illegal. After running the license plate on the vehicle, it was found the license plates were suspended for no insurance. The driver couldn't produce a valid insurance card, either. He was issued two citations and his vehicle was towed.

CPO Tapley issued several citations and warnings at the Carlyle Lake Spillway for fishing violations.

CPO Schachner was returning from a security detail at Carlyle Lake when he encountered an ATV traveling on the roadway (55mph speed limit). The operator continued driving a short distance before stopping at a residence. The passenger was cited for open alcohol and the driver received a written warning for ATV on a roadway. Moments after finishing the first stop, CPO Schachner encountered three more ATVs in the roadway. All three fled, but one ATV stopped after a short distance. Both juvenile subjects on the ATV had consumed a large amount of alcohol and were in possession of a cooler full of beer and hard liquor. The driver was cited for ATV in a roadway and transporting open alcohol. The States Attorney will receive a report for filing of underage consumption/possession charges. The juvenile's parents were contacted and arrived to remove the juveniles and the ATV from the scene. Several minutes after finishing this stop, another ATV was encountered in the roadway and the driver was cited for open alcohol and warned for ATV in the roadway. His son was contacted to bring a trailer to remove the ATV.

CPOs Schachner and Liebl were patrolling Carlyle Lake in windy conditions using a large patrol boat. CPO Liebl spotted a stationary "jet ski" (personal watercraft) in the middle of the lake with no occupants. As the officers approached, they observed two subjects in the water wearing life jackets struggling to swim through the heavy waves to the jet ski. One subject boarded the bobbing jet ski, but the other was having serious difficulty keeping his face above the waves. It was obvious he was a non-swimmer, and he was clearly panicked and flailing his arms and, despite wearing a life jacket, was in real danger of possibly drowning. As CPO Liebl maneuvered the patrol boat closer in the rough water, CPO Schachner shouted at the subject several times to calm down and stop panicking. Surprisingly, the man immediately calmed down, stopped flailing and was able

to keep his head above water. The driver of the jet ski was then able to maneuver close enough so the man was able to climb back onto the watercraft. The man was noticeably scared and exhausted and stated he had swallowed water. The CPOs kept the jet ski in view until it safely reached the boat ramp.

MADISON COUNTY

CPOs Liebl and Rolfingsmeier were patrolling Horseshoe Lake State Park when they observed a vehicle parked in the park after the posted closed hours. When the officers checked on the vehicle, a strong odor of cannabis could be smelled. A plastic bag of cannabis could also be seen in the driver's door. The female passenger was found to possess cannabis and prescription drugs without a prescription. The male driver was found to have an active warrant for FTA DUI Alcohol/Drugs. Both the male and female were issued civil citations for the cannabis. The male was arrested and taken to jail for the active warrant. The prescription drugs were seized and charges will be sought after the drugs are tested at the crime lab.

CPO Ralph Sievers provided security for the Horseshoe Lake State Park's duck blind draw. No major issues occurred.

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Schachner was contacted by a local town regarding the possible discovery of a state-threatened species of frog living in a small area on one of the city properties. CPO Schachner spoke with the subject who made the discovery and after obtaining details of the find, CPO Schachner relayed the information to the State Herpetologist for confirmation. Upon verification of the species, a plan will be determined with the city to best protect and enhance the habitat to protect the frogs.

MONTGOMERY

On 05/20/17 – CPO Matt Lentz issued a citation to a Godfrey male for no fishing license at Lake Lou Yeager.

On 05/26/17 – CPO Matt Lentz issued a citation to a Missouri male for no fishing license at Lewis and Clark Historic Site.

On 05/28/17 – CPO Matt Lentz issued a citation to a Jerseyville male for operation of a watercraft without enough wearable PFD's at Coffeen Lake.

On 05/28/17 – CPO Matt Lentz issued a citation to an East Alton male for operation of a watercraft with a child less than 13 not wearing a PFD at Lake Lou Yeager.

On 05/28/17 – CPO Matt Lentz issued a citation to an East Alton male for fishing without a license at Lake Lou Yeager.

On 05/28/17 – CPO Matt Lentz issued a citation to a Texas male for fishing without a license at Lake Lou Yeager.

On 05/28/17 – CPO Matt Lentz issued a citation to a Staunton male for illegal taking of snapping turtles out of season at Coffeen Lake.

On 05/28/17 – CPO Matt Lentz issued a citation to a Livingston male for illegal possession of a largemouth bass less than 15 inches at Coffeen Lake.

On 05/29/17 – CPO Matt Lentz issued a citation to a Staunton male for fishing without a valid license at Lake Lou Yeager.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers responded to Randolph County Recreational Area for a complaint of swimmers at the boat ramp. Six teenagers and two youth were observed swimming at the boat along with multiple fishing poles along the shoreline. Two of the teenage boys did not have fishing licenses. CPO Sievers told the swimmers that swimming was only allowed in designated beaches so they needed to quit swimming and instructed the two boys to buy a fishing license.

CPO Eric Charles and CPO Ralph Sievers were patrolling the Turkey Bluffs Fish and Wildlife Area and observed a group of young men standing on the bridge over Mary's River. One male shot a bow in the water and a second male was holding a bow with a knocked arrow. One fisherman was issued a written warning for shooting a bow from the roadway and the other fisherman was issued a written warning for no fishing license.

CPO Ralph Sievers was patrolling Randolph County Recreational Area's lake by kayak. CPO Sievers checked three boats with no violations and two paddle boards without water usage stickers. The paddle boarders were given verbal warnings. CPO Sievers then told a group of youth to return to their families because they were swimming around a dock. CPO Sievers then located two Hispanic males fishing from the bank in a remote location. One male provided an expired fishing license that belonged to another person and the second male provided a fake immigration card. CPO Sievers walked the two subjects to a distant pavilion and requested the assistance from the Randolph County Sheriff's Department. The subject with the fake immigration card had a warrant issued by immigration. The subjects were transported to the Randolph County jail to verify their identities. A U.S. Immigration agent spoke with both subjects by phone. One subject had been deported seven times, and the wanted subject had been deported once. The immigration agent filed detainers on both subjects. CPO Sievers issued both subjects citations for no valid fishing license and for obstruction by providing false identification.

CPO Ralph Sievers was patrolling local strip mine cuts and observed a truck with a boat trailer parked at a gravel ramp. CPO Sievers launched his kayak and found the boat with one fisherman at the back of the lake. The fisherman stated that he was fishing on private property so he did not need a fishing license. The fisherman was informed that the fishing club was not a licensed fee fishing area so the members were required to possess a fishing license. While completing the boat safety equipment inspection, a long gun case was observed in the bottom of the boat. The fisherman stated that the gun was for varmints such as muskrats. The fisherman uncased the .22 semi-automatic rifle. The rifle had one round of ammunition in the chamber and four rounds in the tube. The fisherman was told that the gun had to be unloaded to be legally transported and that it was illegal to shoot varmints. The boat safety equipment inspection revealed multiple violations which included no lifejackets. The fisherman was issued a citation for no lifejackets and several written warnings for the other violations.

CPO Ralph Sievers completed a timber truck inspection.

CPO Ralph Sieves attended and presented at a hunter safety class at the Coulterville VFW.

CPO Ralph Sieves completed a hunting without permission complaint. The suspect was issued citations for hunting without permission and turkey hunting while his hunting privileges were revoked. A written warning for criminal trespass was also issued.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

REGION 5 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPOs Diggins and Lay responded to a sinking boat at Rend Lake at the request of Franklin County. The boat was recovered with the assistance of the Rend Lake dive team, US Army Corps of Engineer Rangers and CPOs. A citation for failure to transfer the watercraft was issued.

CPO Williams is investigating a criminal trespass to the rooms and cabins at the vacant Rend Lake Resort.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden received information from Mcleansboro Police involving three young men who were stopped by the police department for a traffic violation and were in possession of freshly killed bullfrogs. Interviews with

each of the three revealed the bullfrogs were illegally harvested during a closed season on Ten Mile Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area. None of the men had fishing licenses as required. CPO Folden issued a citation to each for unlawfully harvesting bullfrogs during a closed season and written warnings to each for taking bullfrogs without a valid fishing license.

CPO Schoenhoff issued a citation to a female for possession of a short bass on Dolan Lake. A written warning was issued to her companion for a second violation of a short fish. Both were given an education and a fishing digest on creel and length limits.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPOs Folden, Lay and Williams responded to and assisted with a multi-car fatal accident on Interstate 57. CPOs assisted with traffic control and individuals already administering aid on scene. Illinois State Police is investigating the crash.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SALINE COUNTY

An investigation initiated by CPO Goetten was forwarded to CPO Folden in January of this year. Extensive research, investigations, and coordination of officers in Illinois and Michigan was led by CPO Folden. The progress in this case has resulted in charges being filled on two Illinois landowners and three Michigan hunters. The Michigan hunters have allegedly been coming to Illinois for multiple years purchasing only antlerless only deer permits, harvesting bucks, and tagging them with Illinois landowner tags. So far, 5 large bucks have been seized from the Michigan hunters, and 22 citations were issued. The main citations issued were for unlawful loaning of deer permits, unlawful use of another person's deer permit, falsification of records to obtain harvest records, unlawful take of deer and unlawful take of antlered deer with only antlerless permits. Court dates are set for later this summer.

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

CLAY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CRAWFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe arrested a man for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol on Lake Sara. A breath analysis showed he had a .162 BAC.

CPO Buhnerkempe cited a man on Lake Sara for operating a watercraft without enough wearable PFDs on board.

CPO Buhnerkempe cited a man on Lake Sara for operating a watercraft with no valid registration. His registration had been expired for 4 years.

CPO Smith and CPO Buhnerkempe were patrolling Lake Sara enforcing the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act. CPO Smith issued 1 citation to a boat operator for insufficient number of life jackets and 1 citation to a boat operator for operating her watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The subject refused to comply with BAC tests as requested by CO Smith. The subject was issued a mandatory court date for the violation.

CPO Smith issued a written warning to a boat operator for a PFD violation.

CPO Smith received information from Sgt. Hyatt reference a fish kill that occurred near the landfill located at Effingham. CPO Smith went to the area and observed numerous small fish dead in a creek downstream from the landfill. CPO Smith walked into an area where he observed a toxic liquid pouring out the landfill into the creek. CPO Smith and Sgt. Hyatt notified the proper authorities. An investigation is pending.

On Monday May 29th, CPOs Compton, Roper, Smith and Sgt. Hyatt responded to a request for assistance from ISP on a vehicle accident on I-57 just south of Effingham. An accident occurred at the location causing a fire in the median. The heavy smoke from the fire reduced visibility which caused several more accidents. A total of 12 vehicles were involved in crashes. 16 people were injured. 4 of them were flown by helicopter to other hospitals. District 15 CPOs assisted with traffic control.

FAYETTE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JASPER COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Roper observed two individuals fishing at Sam Parr Lake. Upon conducting a fishing compliance check, it was discovered the individuals did not possess valid fishing licenses. Everyone was issued a citation for failure to possess a valid sport fishing license.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor and Sgt Hyatt were working the Wabash River when they heard a boat motor being started with the engine out of the water. They observed a boat, being driven by a male subject, approach a boat dock close to the boat ramp. CPO Taylor walked down to the dock and observed the driver drop a beer can into the river. A boat safety check was completed, and the driver showed signs of impairment. CPO Taylor performed field sobriety tests on the driver. The subject had a BAC of .13. The subject was arrested for OUI and issued 3 citations.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe issued 2 written warnings for fishing license not in possession, 1 for unnumbered watercraft, and 1 for a park violation.

CPO Buhnerkempe took a complaint of ATV operation without permission. The subject was identified in a trail camera picture, and he was cited for the violation.

CPO Buhnerkempe cited 4 men at Forbes State Park for fishing without valid fishing licenses.

CPO Buhnerkempe cited a man for unlawfully operating an ATV in Forbes State Park.

CPO Smith stopped a motorist for a lane violation and found the vehicle's registration plate to be expired. The driver could not find an updated insurance card. CPO Smith issued 3 written warnings for the violations.

CPO Smith was patrolling the marina area at Forbes State Park and found a fisherman who was fishing without a valid sport fish license. CPO Smith issued a written warning for the violation. CPO Smith issued 2 written warnings to boat operators for battery cover violations, and 1 written warning to a fisherman for failing to release short bass immediately.

RICHLAND COUNTY

While on patrol at Borah Lake, CPO Roper was conducting a boat inspection and discovered several fish onboard. Two of the fish were identified as Largemouth bass. The legal bass length limit for Borah Lake is 14 Inches. The two bass aboard the boat measured less than 14 inches. The individuals on the boat stated they had each caught one of the bass. The two individuals were each issued a citation for failure to immediately release short fish.

While on patrol at East Fork Lake CPO Roper observed an individual fishing from the bank. Upon conducting a fishing compliance check, it was discovered the individual was in possession of several fish. The individual had three Largemouth bass. The legal bass length limit is 15 inches. All three fish were less than 15 inches. The individual was issued a citation for failure to immediately release short fish.

While on patrol at Borah Lake, CPO Roper observed a pontoon boat loaded with several people. Upon conducting a boat safety compliance check it was discovered the boat was short four lifejackets for the passengers onboard. The operator of the boat was issued a citation for failure to possess the required number of wearable lifejackets.

WABASH COUNTY

CPO Taylor and Sgt Hyatt stopped a boat on the Wabash River north of Mt Carmel. A boat inspection was completed. Several violations were found including possession of short fish, expired registrations, no type IV PFD, and batteries not covered. The subject was issued one citation and several warnings.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe cited a man at Sam Dale Lake for fishing with no valid fishing license.

CPO Smith issued a boat operator a written warning for operation without a boat safety education certificate, and 1 written warning for a fire extinguisher violation.

District 16 – Sgt. K. Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman attended a public safety eclipse meeting at the Carbondale Police Department. Many public safety and emergency response agencies were in attendance as plans are being finalized on how the August 21st event will be handled in southern Illinois.

CPO Somers responded to a report of an albino doe deer killed along the roadway. CPO Somers took possession of the road kill albino doe who happened to be pregnant. A necropsy of the doe revealed both deceased fawns inside her were brown with no sign of albinism. The doe will be stored in the freezer until it is determined if a taxidermy mount will be done.

While patrolling around the Kinkaid Lake Fish and Wildlife Area, CPO Mohrman again located a gate broken open leading back to the lake. This area-"the jumping cliffs"-is popular with the younger crowd and once the gate is open, they drive back to the area unlawfully. This saves the gate crashers from having to hike two miles in and two miles out to the cliffs. Five subjects were cited for operation of a motor vehicle off the roadway. No one had any idea how the gate was opened.

CPO Vasicek arrested a subject at Kinkaid Lake for OUI. The subject was observed having difficulty loading his boat on the trailer. Upon being asked, the subject completed but failed field sobriety tests. Once chemical testing could be done, the subject registered a .07 BAC and was cited for unlawful operation under the influence.

CPO Mohrman arrested a boat operator on Kinkaid Lake for OUI. During a boat inspection, the subject was believed to be impaired and subsequently failed field sobriety tests. The subject, who thought he was fine operating the boat with nine other family members on board, was found to have a BAC of .10.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Mohrman was contacted by the owner of a small jon boat which was left on the bank of Merganser Lake within Pyramid State Park. The boat was seized and removed from the site by CPO Mohrman in December of 2016. The owner just noticed his boat was gone and found the seizure tag which the CPO left. The owner of the boat was cited for abandoning the watercraft on IDNR property, and the boat was returned to him. When asked why he left the boat in the park, the owner replied he had no excuse, he was just being lazy.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek located a lost Alzheimers patient wandering in the woods in Union County. The subject was reported as missing/endangered.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Somers conducted a boat stop at Pyramid Acres located on Lake of Egypt. The boat was observed violating the no wake zone, and the operator was found to be under the influence of alcohol. A breath test revealed the subject had a BAC of .13, and he was arrested for OUI.

CPO Vasicek arrested a subject on Lake of Egypt for OUI Drugs/Alcohol. The subject was also wanted on an arrest warrant from Franklin County. Additionally, this subject and four occupants of the boat were issued civil citations for possession of cannabis.

CPO Johnson arrested a subject on Lake of Egypt for OUI. The subject failed field sobriety tests and refused to take a chemical test.

CPO Johnson observed an operator of a boat creating a wake in a no wake zone on Lake of Egypt. Upon stopping the boat, it was determined the under 21-year-old operator had been consuming alcohol. The subject was cited for underage consumption of alcohol.